

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5029

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Government Operations & Elections, January 18, 2007

**Title:** An act relating to veterans' scoring criteria in examinations.

**Brief Description:** Revising veterans' scoring criteria in examinations.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hobbs, Fairley, Roach, Kastama, Swecker, Pridemore, Keiser, Rasmussen and Shin.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 1/16/07, 1/18/07 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Kline, Pridemore and Swecker.

**Staff:** Amy Van Horn (786-7784)

**Background:** Honorably discharged veterans receive a score adjustment on examinations taken to apply for state jobs, known as civil service exams. The Department of Personnel makes the score adjustment, adding five or ten percentage points to a veteran's test score depending on the veteran's status. The score adjustments apply only to initial hiring exams, and not exams taken to earn a promotion.

**Summary of Bill:** The score adjustment for eligible veterans must be applied to civil service exams whether the state hires a private company to administer the exams, or administers the exams itself.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill simply closes a loophole in current law. The Veterans Legislative Coalition supports this bill.

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**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Steve Hobbs; Dennis Primoli, Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC); John E. Lee, Director, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs.